

Youlgrave Annual Parish Meeting 2020– Chairman’s Report
– meeting not held due to COVID19 Restrictions

Once again, a big thank you to all parish councillors and our clerk for all the work and that has been completed this last year. I don’t intend mentioning the every day jobs that have been done, just the more notable issues

Unfortunately, we suffered more vandalism on ALPF. One of the toilet doors was broken beyond repair and had to be replaced at some considerable cost. Toilet seats broken & toilet roll & holder set on fire plus other unspeakable events. Broken beer bottles outside the Pavilion & handrails damaged & fires set. Please report any sittings of vandalism to the police using 101 its available 24/7.

We have discussed the use of CCTV in hot spots and should vandalism persist, your views would be appreciated. Please speak to any Parish Council Member.

On a lighter note our thanks go to Judith Rimmer and the ladies of the WI who carried out 2 litter picks around the village during the year. The result being several bags of rubbish collected. A good job well done. Council received a small grant from DCC which enables us to loan out the equipment for any group wishing to carry this out.

Council welcomed the creation of a youth group supported by the PC. We have a qualified youth leader and helpers and are currently based in the Pavilion. We expect it to be self funding within the next few months and also go some way to help reduce vandalism. The group has received a small grant from the district councils local project fund to help get things moving.

Allotments are running well with no vacancies at the present time. Some fencing has been replaced in the allotment car park with more to be replaced later this year. The damaged fencing around the tennis court has not yet been addressed. Further thought is needed on this one. The cycle track has been well used and may need a little attention later in the year. The Royal Oak Tree is doing well and continues to be looked after by Cllr Rob Scott. The keep fit equipment remains popular with all age groups. Following a number of requests, we may have to consider another seat adjacent to the equipment at the bottom end of the field

We are still pressing DCC to complete the agreed work following our road safety survey. Some completed but more to come.

Overweight HGV movement through the village is still a major problem. Photographic evidence showing number plates is preferred. It only takes 5 mins to report to DCC Trading Standards on their website. Upon conviction fines to both the driver & vehicle owners run into hundreds of pounds each. Hitting the pockets of both drivers & owners seems to be the only option.

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The issue with parking across the front door access to Hall Cottage opposite the Post Office has finally been accepted and agreed by the County Council and the white line is to be extended. The yellow lined bus bays have also been extended.

Council agreed to undertake a housing needs survey following a presentation by DDDC housing enabler.

The biggest gripe however is that when housing becomes available in Youlgrave, it appears in general to be filled by persons from outside Derbyshire. This does not help in the quest to provide local needs families with housing within the village.

The biggest project ever undertaken to date by YPC is our new store and toilet facility in CWE car park. Built by local tradesman with full disabled facilities. This was opened by Mrs Eileen Lowe on Nov 23rd

The second car park at CE is now open & hopefully will keep a few more parked cars off the road.

Just to be clear this has been built by proceeds from the honesty Box in CWE Car park together with grants from DCC and

Awards for All. A village asset that will stand for many years to come. An additional honesty box has been added to the front wall of the new building which continues to attract payment.

Our clerk Matthew Lovell is constantly searching for grants that will allow us to progress various projects that are in the pipe line, including the resurfacing in the top car park and replacement play equipment at CWE.

The world is currently in uncharted waters.

Please follow government guidelines and we will hopefully resume normality sooner rather than later.

Keep safe and well
Cllr Graham Elliott
Chairman Youlgrave Parish Council

On behalf of the PC I would like to commend those businesses in the village, despite leaving themselves vulnerable to the Coronavirus are managing to stay open and provide a lifeline for many. Thankyou.

Graham Elliott
Chairman
YPC